



National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Assessments-at-a-Glance

	State	National	Long-Term Trend	Periodic and Special Studies
Goal	To facilitate self-monitoring by states in selected subject areas and to serve as a tool to make cross-state comparisons	To report the national and regional educational achievement in selected subject areas	To track changes over time in educational achievement by monitoring trend lines first set in the 1970s	Varies depending on the focus of the study
Subject	Reading and mathematics (required), science and writing (voluntary)	Reading, mathematics, and other periodic topics	Reading and mathematics (voluntary)	Reading, mathematics, economics, civics, geography, writing, science, the arts, and foreign languages (voluntary)
Grade or Age	Grades 4 and 8	Grades 4, 8, and 12	Ages 9, 13, and 17	Grades 4, 8, or 12
Length of Time Required	90 minutes	90 minutes	90 minutes	90-120 minutes
Skills Targeted	<p>Reading: basic comprehension; interpretation; making reader-to-text connections; examining content and structure of texts</p> <p>Mathematics: number sense; properties and operations; measurement and spatial sense; data analysis</p> <p>Science & Writing: NAEP content frameworks are available at http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/frameworks.asp* (Outside Source)</p>	<p>Reading: basic comprehension; interpretation; making reader-to-text connections; examining content and structure of texts</p> <p>Mathematics: number sense; properties and operations; measurement and spatial sense; data analysis</p>	<p>Reading: reading comprehension of most genres</p> <p>Mathematics: computation and numerical algorithms; measurement formulas in geometric settings; and real-life applications</p>	NAEP content frameworks are available at http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/frameworks.asp * (Outside Source)
Study Schedule	Every two (2) years Jan-Mar	Every year Jan-Mar	Every four (4) years Age 9 / Jan-Mar Age 17 / Mar-May Age 13 / Oct-Dec	Variable Jan-Mar Oct-Dec
Report Schedule	6 months after administration	At least 1 year after administration	At least 1 year after administration	1 year after administration

* Note: This Web site includes frameworks for reading, mathematics, science, writing, U.S. history, geography, civics, economics, foreign language, and the arts